

# CPA Project Application Form

[CPC Use Only: Date Received 1/3/24 By: KBerry  
Assigned CPC #2025- 07]

If possible, use word processor to fill out form. Please answer all questions, use "N/A" if not applicable.

1. a.) Applicant Name and Organization: Last Cunningham First Peter  
Organization(s) (if appropriate) Squannacook Greenways  
b.) Regional Project: Yes ? or No? X If Yes, Town/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Submission Date: 1/2/24

3. Applicant Address: St. 44 Smith Street  
City/ State: Groton, MA ZIP: 01450

4. Ph. # (508) 864-5118 Email: brecca@charter.net

5. CPA Purpose. Check all that apply:  
Community Housing ☐ (Affordable Housing) ☐ Historic Preservation\* ☐ Open Space ☐  
Recreation ☐

\* As per MA General Law Chapter 44B, proposed historic projects that are not on the structures listed on the state's registry of historic places require a determination by the Groton Historic Commission that the proposed project is of historic significance.

6. Town Committee or boards participating: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Project Location/Address: Peterborough & Shirley RR (MBTA) right of way in West Groton

8. Project Name: Squannacook River Rail Trail

9. Additional Responsible Parties (If applicable):

Role (specify)	Name	Address	Ph. (w) (cell)	Email
Property/Site Owner	MBTA	100 Cambridge Street Boston, MA.	(617) 222-6235	
Project Manager	Squannacook Greenways	44 Smith Street Groton, MA	(508) 864-5118	brecca@charter.net
Lead Architect				
Project Contractor				
Project Consultants	Stan Dillis, PE	1 Main Street Lunenburg, MA.	(978) 779-6091	
Other:				
Other				

10. As appropriate, indicate if proposal requires P&S agreement ☐ Deed ☐  
Option agreement ☐ Other-describe: \_\_\_\_\_

11. a.) Assessor info. (map/ block/ lot id.(s)): 102-3 b.) Tax classification type: RA

12. Permits required: Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic Preservation: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

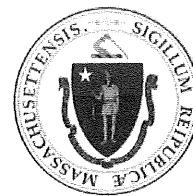
13. Historic Commission Approval signoff (when required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

14. a.) Project cost \$ 30,000 : Estimate ☐ Professional quote ☒ b.) Requested from CPC:  
c.) Committed from other source: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ If applicable: annual anticipated total  
income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual anticipated total expense: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated net income  
(loss): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Estimator name/company: \_\_\_\_\_



15. CCP Objectives - use codes from **Section 5 of Community Preservation Plan** to indicate all that apply: Code 5.3 and OSRP 9.5.1
16. Project Timelines: Proposed Start Date: 7/1/24 Projected Complete Date: 3/1/25
17. Estimated Delivery Date of Completion Report to CPC: 3/1/25
18. Project description and explanation (attach additional sheets as needed): Squannacook Greenways, Inc. is applying for funding to pay for the design and permitting of the next phase of the SRRT. Phase I currently extends from Depot St. in Townsend to the Bertozzi WMA in West Groton for a distance of 3.7 miles. The proposed Phase II of the SRRT will be to continue the trail from the Bertozzi WMA to Cutler Field in West Groton for a distance of 2.1 miles along the scenic Squannacook River. This ecological sensitive area will require filings with the Groton Conservation Commission and the state's National Heritage & Endangered Species Program. It will also require wetlands delininations in areas where the trail nears the river bank and other wetland areas. The land is owned by the MBTA and Squannacook Greenways holds a 99 year lease on the property for the purpose of building a multi-use recreational trail. It has been through the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers, DCR Mass Trails grants, various foundation grants, CPA funds, legislative earmarks and private fundraising that has enabled Squannacook Greenways to complete Phase I of the SRRT. Permitting and design is essential in order to begin Phase II of the SRRT which when eventually completed will advance the goal of
19. Feasibility: extending the trail into Ayer and establishing a connection with the Nashua River Rail Trail. Feasibility of the SRRT was documented in CPA Project # 2007-11 and successful completion of Phase I.
20. List of attachments: FY 2023 MassTrails Grant award, map of SRRT eventual connection with the NRRT in Ayer creating the Nashoba Rail Trail Network, GIS map of project locus
21. Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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22. Management Plan: Management of this project is by Squannacook Greenways.(SG). SG has the experience from the work which has been done to date on the SRRT and successful management of previous CPA grants. SG will communicate with the CPC to ensure timelines are adhered to, verify work is completed per contract specifications, and make sure invoices are verified and signed before submission to the CPC for final approval and payment.
23. Applicant Signature: Peter S. Cunningham Date: 1/2/24  
Co Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Co Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION  
MASSTRAILS GRANT AWARD**

**Grant Award Recipient: Squannacook Greenways**

**Award Date:**

**Grant Contract ID: P24-3549-G17A**

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**MASSTRAILS GRANT AGREEMENT**

This document represents a Grant Agreement between **Squannacook Greenways** and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the **Squannacook River Rail Trail** project as awarded under the MassTrails Grant Program. The project scope *may* have been modified after receiving the results of our mandatory regulatory review by agency partners. Please carefully review the project description below and the specific conditions – *if any* – that must be adhered to. Failure to meet and comply with the specific conditions may result in termination of the award.

**Project Description:**

*Squannacook Greenways seeks funding toward construction of the fourth and final phase of the presently permitted 3.7-mile portion of the Squannacook River Rail Trail. This phase will connect the two previously completed sections of this multi-use stone dust trail along the MBTA right of way in Townsend and Groton. Given the success that the built trail has been to-date, our organization has also expanded its plans for the Squannacook River Rail Trail to include a southward connection to the Nashua River Rail Trail.*

**Summary of Specific Conditions:**

**No specific conditions**, however a full list of general conditions is provided and outlined in Section 14, "Compliance with State and Federal Regulations." Please carefully read the entire section. Contact the MassTrails Administrator if you need further clarification on what is required.

Upon signature of this Grant Agreement by the Project Manager or authorized signatory and in conjunction with execution of the fiscal MA Standard Contract by the State, **Squannacook Greenways** may proceed to incur direct and matching expenses in relation to the project scope.

**1. GENERAL PURPOSE**

The **Squannacook Greenways** agrees to perform the services related to **Squannacook River Rail Trail** project as outlined in its original application, any approved revisions, or the above

listed general conditions, in accordance with all regulations, policies, and procedures set forth by the State under the MassTrails Program.

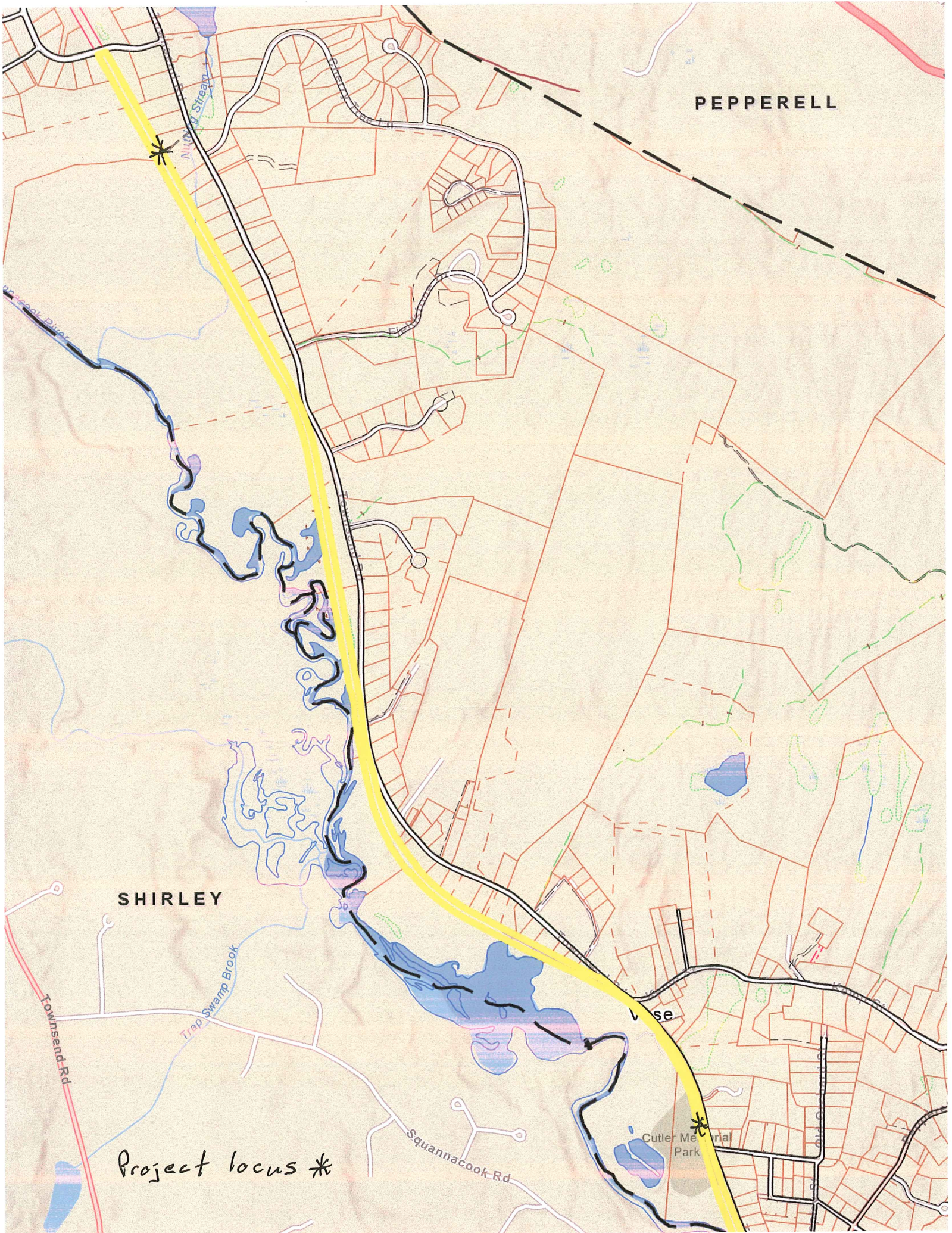
## **2. GRANT TOTAL**

The maximum amount of funds available to the Grantee pursuant to this agreement shall be **\$150,000.00**. It is further understood and agreed that the Grantee shall only be reimbursed on the basis of actual costs incurred, and that the State's determination of eligible and approved costs shall be final in all cases. It is understood and agreed that all payments of all sums by the State hereunder are contingent upon availability and continued appropriation, and if for any reason whatsoever, such funds shall be terminated or reduced or otherwise become unavailable, the State may terminate this grant in whole or part immediately. Any funds awarded but not spent by the Grantee by the project termination date shall lapse.

## **3. COST SHARING PROVISIONS**

The Grantee will be required to provide acceptable documentation in a format that fully accounts for and certifies that the matching funds or in-kind services have been, in fact, incurred on the project. The Grantee must document a minimum of 20% of the *total project cost*, or the amount listed in the grant application. The proposed match for this project, as stated in the grant application, is **\$170,000.00**.





PEPPERELL

SHIRLEY

Project locus \*

Townsend Rd

Trap Swamp Brook

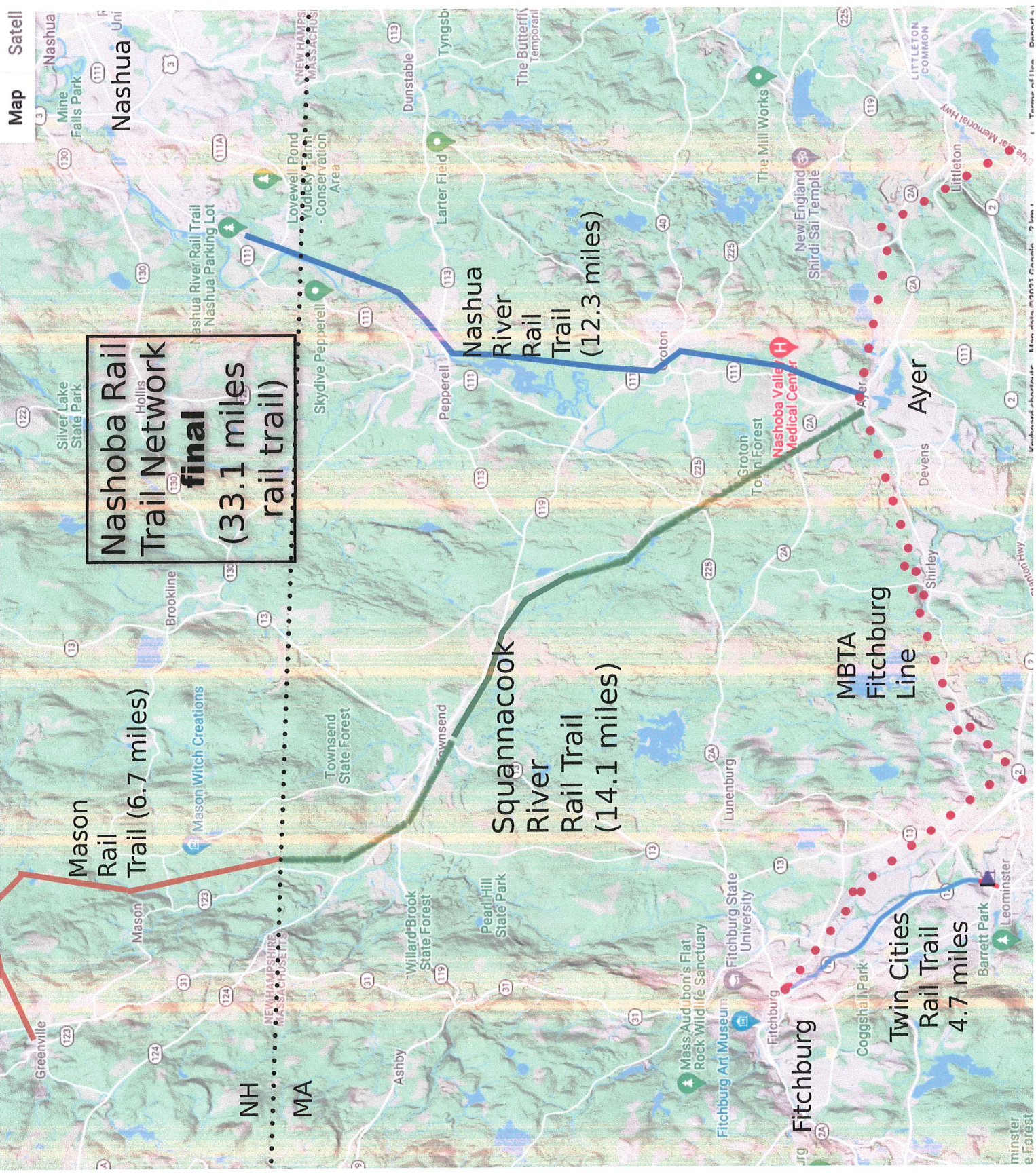
Squannacook Rd

Cutler Memorial Park









**Nashoba Rail Trail Network**  
**final**  
**(33.1 miles rail trail)**

**Mason Rail Trail (6.7 miles)**

**Squannacook River Rail Trail (14.1 miles)**

**Nashua River Rail Trail (12.3 miles)**

**Twin Cities Rail Trail 4.7 miles**

**MBTA Fitchburg Line**



